

## 42-Luke-Pt18-Transcript

we're frantic and we we chased the garbage trucks around the neighborhood until he found flat that chase led to a team of six people from solid waste and two hours of searching through more than nine tons of garbage in a parking lot out at the landfill after a while she and her husband told Martin Garcia and his team they should call it a day she said it was fine after about an hour I told her we'll continue looking for a little bit longer and we stood another hour and and we did I called her and let her know that we were unsuccessful but it wasn't long before Joanne's loss purse would show up in one place she hadn't checked later that day when the neighbor got back from work she walked across the street and said oh by the way you left your purse over here last night and I said Wow

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[Applause]

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well welcome back to Wednesday night Bible study and no we didn't get the night wrong it's Thursday evening for those of you who are joining us perhaps for the first time we normally hold these on Wednesday nights tonight we're going to hold it on Thursday night just due to some travel this week but it would be helpful as we begin the Bible study this evening if you think about a time when you may have misplaced something or lost something and that feeling of loss that you experienced and then maybe you found it and then the feeling of joy that you experienced when you actually found an item that you thought was lost those feelings will be helpful as we move into Luke chapter 15

let's open with a word of Prayer and then let's study how Jesus Christ uses this analogy of finding something that was previously lost Heavenly Father we come before your throne and we praise you and thank you Lord God for your loving-kindness our hearts grieve father for the evil that's done in the world especially the evil that's done in the world in your name our trying to attribute it to you

father we grieve we agree for the great loss of life experienced in Manchester this week and we pray God for your mercy on all of those who are suffering great loss we also pray God for your mercy on the evil men who are seduced by the devil have mercy on them father we pray God that you will bless our study now and give us greater understanding we ask this Lord in Jesus Holy Name Amen

we finished last week in Luke chapter 14 and I just want to just recap before we get into Luke 15 there was a lot of discussion around meals in Luke chapter 14 there was quite a bit of eating and Christ using eating and dining as a metaphor we talked about or he talked about people coming and choosing the best seats and

being knocked down and better for us to choose a lower seat and being requested to sit up when were requests when we're invited to a banquet or a special dinner but he also used as an analogy a special wedding meal and a call going out and an invitation for people to come to celebrate this this great wedding and people turning down the invitation because they had other priorities and then he went into this teaching at the end of chapter 14 when great multitudes went with him and he turned and said to them so so he's leaving and these

multitudes are following him and so he turns to them and he says if anyone comes to me and does not hate his father and mother wife and children brothers and sisters yes and his own life also he cannot be my disciple

so there were many rabbis and these rabbis had their own disciples and they would teach them and train them and especially around memorizing the Torah and the rest of the Scriptures about Christ is making a distinction that he is not just any rabbi that he needs to be prioritized above all and that word hate really means to love far less by comparison that that you must understand that Jesus Christ is God on earth and if you're going to be his disciple he comes first

you cannot be engaged in idolatry you have to put him first above everyone and everything even your own life so these all these multitudes are following him and instead of saying come one come all he actually dissuades them and says don't bother following me unless you're going to put me first in your life and they need to further reinforce this especially the point that you must hate your own life by comparison if you're going to be his disciple to reinforce that he says whoever does not bear his cross and come after me it's impossible for him to be my disciple so the same way that Jesus Christ is going to bear this cross and lay down his as part of the process of assuring in the kingdom of God all of his disciples must have the same level of commitment we must understand what we're doing we must understand how evil this world is how evil the people in this world are especially those who are seeking power those who are trying to establish their

Kingdom or Satan's Kingdom here on earth this is what we're overthrowing and actually we're overthrowing it with our own lives so every day we put Christ first we lay down our lives and so if we actually have to in fact lay down our lives this is not a big deal we've already made this commitment before we even made the decision fully to be baptized and follow Jesus Christ we thought we've laid down our lives so this is what it requires to be a disciple of this rabbi you know the other the other rabbis you want to be a disciple of them you know you can have to do a lot of memorization and you'll be a big so very good student and it's very important that you remember everything that they teach you but it doesn't require this level of commitment so they think oh we can be his rabbi no you need to understand the level of commitment that that's required and then he gave this again another metaphor to explain which of you if any of you we're going to build a tower wouldn't you first sit down and count the cost it would to make sure that you have enough to finish it lest after you've laid the foundation you're not able to finish and all who see this begin to laugh at you saying this man began to build and was not able to finish and so in the same way that we wouldn't start a building without first counting the cost to make sure that we finished it we want to make be in a position where we lay the foundation and then we can't finish god doesn't want to be in that position either so he's making sure that the people who follow him truly are committed so that once he lays the foundation of this kingdom that he is establishing he is definitely not

only going to lay the foundation he's going to finish it but he's going to finish it with disciples that are fully committed and then he goes on to say or what king so if you know look at any King on earth nevermind the king from heaven what King going to make war against another king that being the devil in this case so just in human affairs which King going against another king doesn't first sit down and consider whether he's able with his ten thousand to meet him who comes against him with twenty thousand so that's the you know if you realize you have a smaller army against a larger one you're not going to go into battle and just lose everything and Christ doesn't intend to do this either he fully intends to conquer the devil to conquer the devil's kingdoms and to establish the kingdom of God and he's going to do this with a committed army and so with ten thousand yes indeed he can overcome a bigger army if those ten thousand are fully committed so so it's just because a lot of people want to follow him he's not interested he's looking for people who are fully committed or else while the other is still a great way off he sends a delegation and asked conditions of peace so likewise in the very same way whoever of you does not forsake all that he has cannot be my disciple because I'm just not an average rabbi I have come to establish the kingdom of God and so if you're going to be my disciple I need this level of commitment from you you need to understand what we're engaged in and today 2,000 years later you know the foundation was laid two thousand years ago now we're at the point of finishing it and we are this smaller army against a massive army of

the devil and he is coming at us and  
Christ is already victorious and we need  
to understand that we need to understand  
what we are involved in this is really  
happening happening now breaking news is  
happening now the kingdom of God is  
being established but as it's being  
established especially in these final  
hours wicked men will wax worse and  
worse and those of us who have committed  
our lives to Christ  
we're not blinking if if this is the  
game of chicken  
we're not blinking we are committed with  
our Lord to ushering in the kingdom of  
God so they let them have this world  
knock yourself out  
have all the pleasure you want in this  
world and subjugate as many people as  
you want in this world it's over you've  
already lost and you're on you're on the  
wrong side because Christ before  
engaging in this battle he sat down and  
he counted the cost and he realizes this  
is like a Gideon's army he only needs  
300 committed soldiers to overthrow the  
enemy so it's a small army but it's a  
successful one  
and so with that then he ended to say  
look salt is good salt is very good but  
if the salt has lost its flavor how  
shall it be seasoned  
it's neither fit for the land nor for  
the dunghill but men throw it out and  
then he said this he who has ears to  
hear let him hear  
- this whole multitude he gives this  
very dire warning this is serious this  
is not time to play this is not time for  
superficial engagement this is time for  
full commitment let him who hears he  
hear who who let him who has ears to  
hear hear because if you're pretending  
you're going to be thrown out you're fit

for the dunghill  
and Jesus Christ then God the Father  
will throw us out so we need to be  
purpose we need to be fit for purpose  
and if we're a salt we need to be fit  
for the purpose of salt with that  
warning then all these multitudes  
following him at him he's basically  
saying to them be careful don't follow  
me unless you're serious now  
with that warning let him who has ears  
to hear let him hear  
he u.s. ears to hear let him hear then  
we go into chapter 15 all then you know  
after he gives this warning all the tax  
collectors and the sinners drew near to  
him so so this warning that he gave  
around who has ears to hear apparently  
it's not the Pharisees it's not the  
religious leaders that heard instead it  
was the tax collectors and the sinners  
that drew near to him after this  
warning why did they draw near to him to  
hear him they wanted to listen to him  
they wanted to hear more they believed  
in fact that he truly was committed to  
this purpose and they wanted to hear  
more they they were not dissuaded by his  
warning in fact they were seems like  
they were encouraged by his warning and  
so he says here then the Pharisees and  
scribes complained saying this man  
receives sinners and eats with them so  
as they're looking at Jesus Christ and  
and they are a very holy man they are  
the Pharisees and the scribes they're  
constantly in the scriptures constantly  
trying to understand and memorize the  
scriptures and just fully know them and  
and how they should conduct their lives  
and judgments that they should make  
based on the scriptures and now there's  
this competing rabbi that comes along  
wanting an even greater commitment from

his disciples than the commitment required to their disciples not only that he is constantly denigrating them and putting them down and so they were constantly watching him trying to figure out where they could discredit him and now it appears they found a way to discredit him he eats with sinners so in this culture to sit down and eat with somebody is to show an affinity and a bonding with that individual or with those individuals and so they would have nothing to do with tax collectors who were very who are basically seen as thieves and they would have nothing to do with sinners and yet Christ is sitting down eating with them and showing this affinity and bonding with them so they clearly saw Christ as discredited because of this behavior this man they say this with with a despising look at him he receives sinners and not only that he eats with them so he hears this and he sees what how they're judging him so he spoke this parable to them saying which one of you having a hundred sheep if he loses one of them does not leave the ninety-nine in the wilderness and go after the one which is lost until he finds it so again he understands the heart of man and if you have a big flock a hundred sheep and you lose one you don't say to yourself oh well you know I've got a hundred sheep it's just one who cares they wouldn't do that they would care about their flock and any the economy or the economics associated with the flock and they don't want to lose a sheep that's valuable so they would leave the ninety-nine and leaving the ninety-nine doesn't mean that they would completely leave them to be vulnerable to the wolves and the Foxes the the



ninety-nine they would actually leave with somebody to look after them so if we if we look for example in 1st Samuel 17 where David rose early in the morning he was going to join the army and his brothers he left the sheep with a keeper and took the things and he went on to me with the with his brothers in the army but the point here in 1st Samuel 17 is to show that if you're a responsible Shepherd you don't leave the ninety-nine vulnerable while you're going to search the one you would have helpers and you would leave the ninety-nine with the helpers and you personally will go and look for the lost sheep and they all know that that's exactly what they would do and so Christ is now using this as an analogy now because they are well versed in the scriptures they would also understand exactly what Christ is saying by using this analogy so there's a sort of trigger words that if you have memorized the scriptures you automatically know through your training with your rabbi how to recall these scriptures and you would know the whole scripture by heart so the fact that Christ is now using this Shepherd analogy and searching the for the lost sheep this would call to mind the scripture in Ezekiel 34 which reads like this and the word of the Lord came to me saying son of man prophesy against the shepherds of Israel whoa I thought the Shepherd's of Israel were on God's side I thought they were God's shepherds but here God is telling the prophet Ezekiel to prophesy against the Shepherd's of Israel prophesy and say to them thus says the Lord God to the shepherds whoa this is a curse woe to the shepherds of Israel who feed

themselves so Christ is really doing double duty here in this analogy by showing that they would in fact seek the lost sheep out of a flock of a hundred which is a fairly big flock but even if they were to lose one they would go and seek that that is highlighting their concern for themselves their selfish ambition but also by using this flock of sheep analogy he's pointing back to Ezekiel and he's telling them that they are not on God's side that they are in fact under a curse from God woe to the shepherds of Israel who feed themselves that that they're just into themselves should not the Shepherd's feed the flocks isn't that why you have a shepherd to look after the flocks you eat the fat and clothe yourselves with the wool you slaughter the fat wings but you do not feed the flock and that's your job that's what you're supposed to do when you do not feed the flock the weak you have not strengthened nor have you healed those who were sick nor bound up the broken nor brought back that which was driven away nor sought what was lost

so again this is a harkening back to the Isaiah 60:1 prophecy where this Isaiah anak servant is coming to reverse all of this to come and to seek the lost and to heal the brokenhearted and to strengthen to heal the sick and to strengthen the weak but with instead what they do not being on God's agenda or on outside with force and cruelty you have ruled them

you've been very cruel and very selfish over the sheep so they were scattered because there was no Shepherd no faithful Shepherd and they became food for all the beasts of the field when they were scattered so that lost sheep

The Good Shepherd who goes out searching for that sheep realizes that time is of the essence that the Sheep is lost and vulnerable and every minute counts and so the Good Shepherd goes out seeking for the Sheep for the safety of the sheep and they became food for all the beasts of the field when they were scattered my sheep my sheep wandered through all the mountains and on every high hill yes my flock was scattered over the whole face of the earth and no one was seeking or searching for them nobody cared and so Christ is by analogy saying you know all of these tax collectors and sinners they're listening to me they're responding I'm doing the job that you should have done and they're now responding to the truth of God he goes on say therefore because of this you Shepherds hear the word of the Lord as I live says the Lord God surely because my flock became a prey and my flock became food for every beast of the field because there was no Shepherd nor did the sheep my Shepherd searched for my flock but the Shepherd's fed themselves and did not feed my flock therefore o Shepherds hear the word of the Lord thus says the Lord God behold I am against the Shepherd's and I will require my flock at their hand I will cause them to cease feeding the Sheep so what's the point if you're not going to be a faithful Shepherd and you're just there to feed yourself I don't need you so I will cause them to cease feeding the Sheep this is a dire warning and the Shepherd's shall feed themselves No more for I will deliver my flock from their mouths that they may no longer be food for them for thus says the Lord God indeed and this is the key this is really what they should understand from

the scripture the echo of the scripture  
in Ezekiel indeed I myself will search  
for my sheep and seek them out and this  
is exactly what Jesus Christ is doing  
and you'll see here in Luke 15 he says  
that when he finds the sheep that was  
lost when he finds it what does he do  
and he says and when he has found  
the sheep that was lost he lays it on  
his shoulders rejoicing he's so happy  
that he has found the sheep that was  
lost he puts it on his shoulders he  
bringing it back to the flock and when  
he comes home he calls together his  
friends and neighbors saying to them  
rejoice with me for I have found my  
sheep which was lost I say to you that  
likewise in the very same way there will  
be more joy in heaven over one sinner  
who repents than over ninety-nine just  
persons who need no repentance  
so Jesus Christ is really telling them  
that they are completely off they are  
completely off off task off message off  
purpose they have nothing to do with God  
because right now these tax collectors  
and these sinners that are following  
Christ they've repented they were lost  
and now they've been found that the  
Good Shepherd has sought them out and  
they've repented and Jesus Christ is  
saying God the Father in heaven with the  
Angels are rejoicing over this  
repentance more than the ninety-nine  
sheep who are righteous and have no need  
of repentance they're fine the sheep  
that was lost was about to be  
slaughtered was about to suffer great  
loss  
of fatal fatal loss and it's been saved  
and that's where the joy is that that  
that lost sheep no longer is subject to  
the slaughter that it was lined up for  
the complete loss of life and so Christ

is just telling these Pharisees that this is quite confrontational this is quite confrontational he's telling the Pharisees basically that they are very very evil men masquerading as men of God and that he is the true man of God he is the true Shepherd and he has a heart for the Sheep and what what they are witnessing when he is sitting down and eating with the sinners the tax collectors they're witnessing a celebration that thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven and God's will is that sinners repent and when they repent there's great rejoicing in heaven and Christ is rejoicing on earth over the fact that these men and women these sinners are now are repenting and so so there's great rejoicing and the 99 that are basically that Christ says that you know the 99 have known me who have no need of repentance that's how they see themselves as righteous men who don't need repentance that's not how Christ sees them because remember in chapter 13 he began by telling them I tell you know when when they saw these Galilean suffer a catastrophic loss of life and and eased and they were acting like this was unique Christ said no unless you all repent you're all going to perish the same way you're all lost and these Pharisees are lost and they're going to perish but even though they see themselves as if they don't need repentance Christ is actually saying you're lost and you need repentance and you remember at the end of chapter 13 help him mourn for Jerusalem and he characterized Jerusalem as those who kill the prophets and stone those who were sent to her there they're anti-god even though they're in

the City of God and so he warned them that your house verse 35 is left to you desolate so so there is great loss of life coming on them even though they think they're righteous Christ is telling them they're actually very evil man now he shifts and goes further with his analogy now he he is talking to them he actually shifts me the analogy to a woman having ten silver coins very valuable coins ten of them and if she loses one coin doesn't she like to lamp and sweep the house and search carefully until she finds it now for us this might be a little hard for us to understand because some of the houses that people live in today are massive and there's no way that you could light a lamp and search the whole house but you know we put ourselves in the context of the day a house would be a one-room house and it might have a divider but it's basically if she lights a lamp it lights the whole house and so with that lamp now she can search the whole house to see where in fact the coin may have gone under something it may in fact be lost in inside the house and that is analogous to what Christ has been doing in verse 22 of chapter 13 he went through the cities and villages teaching and journeying toward Jerusalem so this is how he was gathering these followers and leading people to repentance because he's like this woman who has lost a coin and is seeking to find the lost coin now he says in verse 9 when she has found it so so she's been searching searching what she actually finds it it says here that she calls her friends and neighbors together saying rejoice with me for I have found the peace which I lost in the sent in the very same way I say to you there is joy in the presence of the

angels of God over one sinner  
who repents so these guys who were so  
religious and so righteous and and  
seemed to have all the in the effect  
ation of the men of God they were  
actually men of the devil and Christ was  
exposing them that their hearts were  
evil and selfish and and and they did  
not understand the heart of God and and  
we shouldn't get stuck you know here the  
face of evil is Jewish it's these  
Pharisees that are that are presenting  
themselves as godly man we should these  
scriptures are here for us in the end  
time and we're going to have men who  
present themselves as godly in this  
endtime they may not be Jewish in fact  
it's unlikely that they would be Jewish  
but it's the same devil and we need to  
see through religious appearances and  
understand the heart of man who do not  
have the holy spirit they're going to  
have the heart of Satan and they're  
going to do the the will of Satan and  
that's what we need to understand very  
clearly and so we can understand how  
selfish the heart of men is or the  
hearts of men are even if they pretend  
to be religious by understanding this  
conflict between Christ and the  
Pharisees so he's exposing them that  
they don't care for human life human  
beings are made in the image and  
likeness of God and he wants all of them  
in his family Satan hates human beings  
made in the image and likeness of God  
and he wants to destroy and slaughter as  
many as possible so when human beings  
are lost Satan loves that and he wants  
them to die and perish without God God  
on the other hand the true God who loves  
his creation wants to do everything he  
can and is doing all he can to save his  
creation and and we need to understand

the true men of God the true man of God will have a heart for human beings men of the devil will engage in human sacrifice to their God the devil the devil requires human sacrifice this has always been the case and so those who worship the devil will be sacrificing human beings to the altar of the devil and so he says here that there's joy over repentance now he goes further with his analogy and he says here that a certain man had two sons so now we went from a hundred sheep to one that was lost a ratio of one to a hundred then we went to ten coins and one that was lost so very valuable coin silver coins so it's the ratio of one to ten now he brings it down to a ratio of one out of two and this time it's human beings and so he's really driving the point home of how important it is to God to recover that lost one and so he says now to really drive this home he said a certain man had two sons and the younger of them said to his father father so could this more demanding give me the portion of goods that falls to me so this is a nice way of saying to the father I can't wait for you to die I wish you were dead now so I could have my money and you're just hanging around and you won't die so I'm getting a bit impatient here can you just give me my money so that's that's basically the message that the young son is giving to the father father give me the portion of the goods that falls to me so the father responded and divided to them his livelihood and not many days after so soon as he gets the inheritance money now the younger son gathered everything together and journeyed to a far country and while he was there he wasted his possessions



in prodigal living so he just lived foolishly he was thought he was wealthy he drank you just prodigal living he probably involved with prostitutes who knows what he was doing but he just lived like a fool and this is a great shame in in this culture to the Father proverbs tells us he who baguettes a scoffer does so to his sorrow and the father of a fool has no joy a foolish son is a grief to his father and bitterness to him who bore him so you know in this culture this is just a great shame and a great disappointment that this young man has departed from the the way of life of these of this Jewish father and he's just gone into prodigal living now Luke continues or Christ continues in the Gospel of Luke when he had spent all so so now he's run out of resources he spent everything at the same time as he's run out of resources there arose a severe famine in that land and he began to be in want so suddenly he has no money and there's a famine in the land so so nothing's available then he went and joined himself to a citizen of that country so this would now be a pagan man he's left Jerusalem he's left Judea he's now in a pagan country and so now he joins himself to a pagan man and the pagan man sent him into his fields to feed swine so obviously swine er is as an unclean creature for a Jew but this is the this is how low he has fallen and he would gladly have filled his stomach with the pods that the swine ate and no one gave him anything so he has fallen so low that his job is to be a servant to pigs he's lower than the pigs and he's looking at the food that he's feeding the pigs and he's thinking himself I might as well eat this

I've got nothing else there's nobody  
nobody cares for him that the the pagan  
man that he works for has no concern for  
him and there's famine in the land that  
he's got no resources so the food that  
he's supposed to be feeding the pigs  
he's feeling like you know he might as  
well eat that so the scripture goes on  
then then he came to himself so it's  
like what am i doing and he said how  
many of my father's hired servants have  
bread enough and to spare so this pagan  
man doesn't give him anything but now  
he's seeing the kind of man his father  
is and in the father not only does he  
have servants that he pays but he makes  
sure that they have everything they need  
and so he's thinking to himself wow if I  
was just a servant for my father  
I would do better than I'm doing now how  
many of my further father's hired  
servants have bread enough to and to  
spare and I'm perishing with hunger I'm  
I'm my father's son and his servants are  
doing better than me here's what I'm  
going to do I will arise and I'm gonna  
go back to my father and I'm gonna have  
to just apologize I'm gonna say to him  
father I've sinned against heaven and  
against you what I did was wrong I was  
totally stupid I've come to my senses  
I'm really sorry and I'm because of what  
I've done I'm no longer worthy to be  
called your son I basically despised you  
I wished you were dead  
I wanted by 1 in my money and you know  
what I am not really worthy to be called  
your son anymore make me like one of  
your servants one of your hired servants  
because at least I would be looked after  
I would have bread enough to eat and I  
would do I would be happier than what  
the state that I'm in now so after  
saying that so he says that to his

father that that's uh what that's what  
he's planning this is his plan I'm gonna  
go to my father tell him I'm not worthy  
to be your son let me be one of your  
servants so he then carries out his plan  
so this is what he's gonna do he's  
resolved verse 20 he arose and  
came to his father so he's on his way to  
his father now now read this when he was  
still a great way off he's a good  
distance away his father saw him and  
noticed this and had compassion he had  
compassion and he ran and fell on his  
neck and kissed him now in Jeremiah this  
is now speaking this is really an  
analogy that Christ is using of Israel  
so Christ is is is explaining to the  
Pharisees how God perceives Israel it's  
very different from how the Pharisees  
perceive Israel they're looking at the  
sinful men and women in Israel and they  
are despising them they hate them and  
Christ is saying that's not how God sees  
Israel and Jeremiah said the same thing  
here in Jeremiah 31

I have surely heard Ephraim bemoaning  
himself and this is what if Ephraim it  
basically named for you for Israel one  
of Joseph's sons that became  
representative of Israel you have  
chastised me and I was chastised like an  
untrained bull so Israel was like this  
this younger son who is just very  
demanding and just wanted its own way  
like an untrained Baal restore me and I  
will return so Israel has now come to  
their senses for you are the Lord my God  
surely after my turning I repented and  
after I was instructed so I came to my  
senses I struck myself on the thigh I  
was ashamed yes even humiliated because  
I bore the reproach of my youth I was  
foolish in my youth how does God respond  
so Israel has now repented they come to

their senses they're sorry how does God respond is ephraim my dear son so if rain is God's dear son Israel is his firstborn is he a pleasant child for though I spoke against him because he sinned I earnestly remember him still this this is God God is a father and he's remembering his son he doesn't just would punish his son just to get angry and exact revenge he punished his son to instruct him and once the Sun comes to his senses God is a father he's happy to bring his son back I earnestly remember him still therefore my heart yearns for him I will surely have mercy on him says the Lord this is the God we serve this is God's nature he's a loving father he doesn't look at Israel look at Israel sinfulness and despise them and have nothing to do with them he goes hunting for the lost sheep he hunts for the lost coin he runs to the prodigal son and when he finds that which is lost he rejoices because he's a father and that's what Christ wants the Pharisees to understand so we need to really understand then how God responds to that which which is lost that's why I asked you at the beginning to think about something that you might have lost and then how did you feel when you found it hidden quite coincidentally I had this exact experience this week I was visiting the Brethren in Tyler and I preached from my iPad and unfortunately when I was preaching after after I finished preaching I put my iPad in the pocket of the seat in front of me I forgot what I did I put it there and then we moved the chairs to have a potluck meal afterwards and I packed up by when I was on the plane I thought let me take my iPad to do some work or some reading and I couldn't find it and I

just I couldn't find it's lost and so I searched all the luggage I loved I didn't take it out in the rental our I do remember taking it out so I just I couldn't find it anywhere so I reached out to Jeff in in Tyler to see if he had seen my iPad he searched everywhere he couldn't find it he told me to use you know Find My iPad feature on the Apple in the application and on the iPhone

I did that yeah we were doing what having a text it just said the iPad is offline and then Jeff went searching and he found it and my reaction was like awesome wonderful thanks so much it was just fantastic I was just so elated because I like to preach from my iPad and he's just thinking I have to now go and buy another one and I just couldn't find it anywhere and I just had a sense of joy even though it's a material of possession I'm you know happy to mr. am happy I'm willing to lose material possessions it's much different if you lose someone's life but I had joy when when Jeff said that he had found this iPad and so quite quinces identity that I come into the scripture for this week that I was working on for this study and it's all about finding that which was lost and this is a really important concept for us to understand in order to understand God so he says here continuing on in the scripture then and the son said to him father have sinned against you and against heaven and in your sight and I'm no longer worthy to be called your son so he had this whole speech prepared and he's now starting to deliver it the father interrupts him the father doesn't want to hear his speech he just saw his action of repentance and coming back the father said to his

servants bring out the best robe and put it on him and put a ring on his hand and sandals on his feet so the servants are instructed to bestow honor to restore honor to his son and this putting the robe and the ring on him if you remember in

with Joseph Farah said to Joseph I have set you over all the land of Egypt and Pharaoh took his signet ring off his hand and put it on Joseph's hand so putting the ring on his finger is a very symbolic act that shows he's in a position of power honor and authority and he clothed him in guarded garments of fine linen and put a gold chain around his neck so the servants having to put all of this on the son establishes the son's position in the family and and those who despise Israel today don't understand God's honor for Israel and all Gentiles as ayah tells us all Gentiles are going to bow down to Israel and they're going to honor Israel because Israel is God son and so this is what Christ is showing us here so then he says bring the fatted calf so he instructs him to to bring the fatted calf and kill it

so the fatted calf is something that they're you know working on for some time if there's a celebration coming up they just keep fattening the calf and so there's going to be lots of me it's going to be a big feast and many people are going to be invited to enjoy this so when it's time to bring the fatted calf this is a big celebration so he says to him bring the fatted calf here and kill it that's that's how important this was and let us eat and be merry why for this my son was dead and he's come to life now he's alive again he was lost and now he's found and they began to be merry

now this is very important that we understand the nature of God in contradiction to or juxtaposed to the other son his elder son was in the field and he came and drew near to the house and he heard music and dancing so he called one of the servants and asked what these things meant and he said to him your brother has come and because he has received him safe and sound your father has killed the fact

cafe now we need to understand here I want to just take some time and talk about what's going on and and what we saw this week with the bombing in Manchester and the reason we saw this this horrendous horrific bombing was because there are people who think they are acting on God's behalf and that the prodigal son must be slaughtered slaughtered and sent straight to hell so this jihadi and I've forgotten his name now I think is it was us a beat or something like that he young 22 year old boy a kid just beginning his life but Satan requires human sacrifice and so these develop I'm gonna call the Mohammedans versus Muslims many you know 1.6 billion Muslims a lot of them are very peaceful people so I'm not talking about people I'm talking about ideology I'm talking about words on a page doctrine and so I'm going to call these people Muhammadans who are following the doctrine of Mohammed and they no one defines Islam except Mohammed so if Mohammed did it if Muhammad taught it that's his Lomb and there's no other Islam so develop Mohammedans believe that the prodigal son must be blown up must be slaughtered and then sent to hell where he will burn forever and ever and ever so he believes these little girls who are just out enjoying

themselves must be slaughtered and then sent to hell where Allah will burn them forever and ever and as their skin peels off Allah will replace that skin and he'll burn squirt pour scalding liquid down their throats and do this over and over and over and over forever and ever and ever two little girls what kind of God is this and then you want to say that this is Jesus Christ that Jesus Christ is a prophet of this God what a lie what a lie

Jesus Christ is showing us what his father is like and how he responds to the prodigal son and that God is a God of love and so Satan wins by having the muhammadans slaughter their own children as human sacrifice to Satan and at the same time slaughter other people's children as human sacrifices to Satan we need to see this for what it is and I and I pray that the Muhammadans will wake up and realize they are being deceived by the devil and even their own Imams as part of their doctrine that it's okay to lie and so they can know the truth and know that what they're involved in but political Islam must be supreme and so they're willing to lie to these children and send them to blow themselves up and notice it's not Old Men blowing themselves up they send their children now where did this ideology come from I just want to take a moment and talk about this ideology and where it came from in Genesis 10 we see cush begat Nimrod and this Nimrod became a mighty hunter in the earth a mighty hunter against God and you'll see in verse 10 he established a kingdom that began in Iraq in the Babylonian area this Assyria Babylon erch accad calneh in the land of shine this is all this area that we call Assyria or was called



this area we call Iraq part of Iran that the Levant from that land he went to Assyria build Nineveh and so he's building his kingdom what I want to call to your attention here is verse 13 that while Nimrod was establishing these great feats that in verse 13 you'll notice that misraim which is Egypt was one of these uh he was he was around he would actually cousin to to Nimrod about Cush we got miss room as well so he is he is aware of Nimrod's conquest and his exploits and he's part of Nimrod's empire he's under Nimrod and then in chapter 11 you see the whole earth was under Nimrod and under this ideology and then you'll see in verse seven that God confuses their language and they now have to separate so in verse eight he scatters them abroad over all the face of the earth and they ceased building this city so this technique of how to rule over men and take complete control of them that Nimrod had learned from Satan misraim or Egypt the father of Egypt he learned it as well and Nimrod then established Babylon so that same ideology is at the foundation of the Babylonian Empire in the Assyrian Empire but misraim also learned it and that's how he established Egypt and you don't establish a kingdom for 3,000 years unless you have an ideology that supports it and I like to say that people make the mistake of thinking that men rule people ideas rule people and what what caused a gypped to stand for 3,000 years was an ideology around the afterlife and fear of facing God in the afterlife and what you see here is an inscription that you would see when you if you study Egyptian art you'll see this the scales of justice and this is farrell being led

to to God I believe it's Osiris he's  
being led to where his heart is put on  
one side of the scale and a feather is  
put on the other side  
and if his good deeds outweigh his bad  
deeds then his heart will be light as a  
feather and the scale will be balanced  
but if his evil deeds or his bad deeds  
outweigh his good deeds his heart will  
be heavy as lead  
they'll be heavier than the feather and  
so he will be revealed to be an evil man  
and that a wolfdog animal that's sitting  
there is waiting for the okay when his  
deeds are tallied its waiting for the  
okay to see if it can eat Pharaoh's  
heart and if it can eat Pharaoh's heart  
then Pharaoh basically goes to hell  
where he'll be punished forever and ever  
doesn't this sound a lot like Islam well  
of course because Islam is a pagan  
ideology that is a mixture of it's got a  
bit of Judaism it's got a bit of  
Zoroastrianism from Persia it's got a  
bit of paganism from the Arab pagans and  
from thee from from Egypt which I'll  
show you in a moment and it has Gnostic  
Christianity and every all of the  
doctrines in Islam you can they can be  
traced to the people around at the time  
and things that they believed and it's  
this concoction of all of this pagan  
ideology that's put in a basket called  
Islam that everybody is forced to submit  
down bow down to and and submit to and  
this notion that God weighs your good  
deeds and your bad deeds and if your bad  
deeds outweigh your good deeds this is  
in each ancient Egyptian concept it was  
such a powerful concept that it enabled  
the Pharaohs to rule over people for  
3,000 years that's how you govern an  
empire with an ideology men come and go  
and they all use the same ideology to

gain control complete control over their subjects if Pharaoh was subject to this scrutiny then what about everybody else so everybody works so hard so that Pharaoh could be successful and if Pharaoh is subject to this level of screwed the whole nation is subject to this level of scrutiny so what I want to point out now is how this is why I'm showing you that misra II learn this from Nimrod and so this is how it came into Egypt how did it come into Arabia well in Genesis 21 verse 21 it shows that Ishmael dwelt in the wilderness of Paran and his mother had such a despising for Sarah and for Isaac that she made sure that Ishmael did not marry anybody from that stock instead because she was Egyptian she went and she took a wife for Ishmael from the land of Egypt and so this is now how the Egyptian ideology and the Egyptian paganism creeps into Arabia and this is why Islam has at its core doctrine this notion that at the end of life your good deeds will be weighed and if your good deeds are less than your bad deeds you go to hell forever and ever this is a pagan Egyptian concept and it and so but because of the afterlife this is what drives people and so this young man who blew himself up believes now that you know in order to escape this this horrendous um hurdle of having your good deeds having to outweigh your bad deeds in order to escape this the ticket out of this and and the ticket out of hell is to blow yourself up and in in the in the process kill quote/unquote infidels and then you go straight to paradise where you have 72 virgins and you have them forever and ever and ever and how stupid

and idiotic is this human beings are not designed this way you have 72 virgins forever and ever and ever and ever and ever and all you can do it just keep raping them how sec how sec and this has nothing to do with God and we need to conquer this false religion with truth and every Christian minister every Christian should become familiar with the false teaching of Islam and show Muslims how foolish this teaching is and the superiority of the Bible and we should debate them anywhere and everywhere and and debate their highest scholars and show them the profound truth in the Bible because once they know the truth the truth will set them free so we have a problem though and the problem is with our governments our governments are colluding with stances that before we get to questions for those asking the proper skip let's just do this here to be taking at this current moment given how little information is know we will advise you on the proper precautionary measures which is most important thoughts impress the families affected and of course naturally changing your Twitter avatar yeah what about the reports that Isis has take your responsibility no well we can't comment on that of course because these topics or a sensitive nature we'd hate for people to go off with opinions have cocktails we can't advise you given the current situation the best measures to be taken still remains changing your Twitter avatar yeah man you have detained is it true he has ties to Islamic terrorism nope let's not use that word or inflammatory language and I will say regardless of the motive that does not change the precautions needed to be taken by the average citizen in

changing your Twitter avatar most important yes yeah what if I like my avatar though take it if you like it but that's a valid question particularly for those with verified check mark we've gone to great lengths and spared no expense for their headshots in their avatar if you like your current Twitter avatar you can keep your avatar you can simply add an avatar through the application known as Photoshop overlaid over your current avatar simultaneously made drop the opacity no more further questions thank you fortunate circumstance I think that that was Steven Crowder and you bit of humor there but very biting humor and he's basically showing how stupid our governments are and how this exercise of political correctness has just gone too far that we can't even speak freely about what is happening and and we've got recently this what's-her-name Katy Perry coming out and basically telling her fans that we just have to drop borders and be united and everybody just has to love one another well let's just use some common sense here if we tolerate the intolerant how long before the intolerant dominate us they hate us they have an ideology that hates us when will we wake up and face facts this is a big problem and we need to face it for what it is and call it out for what it is but somehow our governments are in collusion and I just I want to call your attention to two men that understood very well what we would be facing in our time George Orwell the father of the author of 1984 and Aldous Huxley the author of brave new world and they had an intellectual dispute about how totalitarian government would be ushered in to take all our freedom away a global

totalitarian government George Orwell contended that it was going to come by force complete direct force that would just crush us and Aldous Huxley said no it's going to come by pleasure that we're going to buy into it because it's going to be pleasurable both of them were actually talking about communism and both of them are right but I think what we're seeing in the West is aldose Aldous Huxley's version of brave new world where we're just constantly being fed more more immorality more and more pleasure more and more high definition of sinfulness and we're accepting it and while we're accepting it we're giving up our freedoms we're giving up our ability to think straight on the other hand George Orwell was right with 1984 and the Communists are basically using Islam to to crush us and to subdue us and to demoralize us and so both men saw very clearly that our freedoms are going to be taken away from us and actually both men are right so you know we need to really understand the God we serve Jesus Christ and let's just go back and finish off Luke 15 again what this shows us is the nature of God versus the nature of man so here this brother was angry his brother was lost and found' and rather than rejoice with his father he's angry and would not go in there for his father came out and pleaded with him so he answered and said to his father lo these many years I've been serving you I've never transgressed your commandment at any time and yet you never gave me a young goat that I might make merry with my friends but as soon as the son of yours Cain who has devoured your livelihood with harlots you killed the fatted calf for him and he said to him

son you're always with me and everything  
that I have is yours  
it's all yours it is right that we  
should make merry and be glad for your  
brother was dead and is alive again was  
lost and is found so we need to  
understand the nature of God and do not  
believe people who are telling us that  
little little girls who are just out  
enjoying a concert and and who don't  
know any better that these little girls  
need to be destroyed  
and and it's horrendous what happened to  
them and you're going to attribute this  
to God I'm sorry no this is of the devil  
and we need to call it out for what it  
is  
and we need to stand up for Jesus Christ  
and I want to offer for those of you who  
are uncertain as to whether or not Jesus  
Christ is God we have a wonderful  
booklet and and a CD that you can  
download this week just go to our CGI  
org and request is Jesus really God a  
lot of people have doubts about this is  
Jesus really God in fact that the  
Muslims accuse us of idolatry and yet  
they bow down to a stone five times a  
day and five times a day they pray not  
only to Allah but to a dead Muhammad  
embedded in their prayer they actually  
pray to their Prophet Muhammad this is  
idolatry then and they're actually  
worshipping the devil and we need to we  
need to introduce Jesus Christ to the  
world they're here they can pick up  
their Bibles they can read their Bibles  
and we need to be absolutely 100 percent  
confident about Jesus Christ's divinity  
so they offer this week to CGI org  
you'll see right on our homepage is  
Jesus really God and Jesus Christ who is  
he by Pastor Wayne Hendrix so that's it  
for this week that's all I have for this

week for Luke chapter 15 I hope you found it beneficial and again what we really wanted to underline here especially with the tragedy that took place this week which by the way by the way this is just the opening act these guys are just warming up this week we have 1400 years of history if we care to look into it and we have the Koran and the hadith and the Sarah to understand very clearly what the agenda is so we can say you know hashtag not all Muslims hashtag we are not afraid hashtag pray for Manchester and all this sort of superficial response or we can actually read the ideologies that develop muhammadans are following and then we can predict what they're going to do next and it's it's going to they are planning something that is going to make 9/11 look like you know children's play Satan is serious and the only way we can defend our civilization is if we come back to Jesus Christ and so the CGI dot-org really be convicted about the divinity of Jesus Christ because the scripture says evil men will wax worse and worse and we need to know God in the nature of God and be able to answer people when they say if God is a God of love how come all of these things happen or if people say that Jesus Christ is a prophet of Allah and he endorses this kind of behavior we need to defend God's honor and we can do that by understanding the nature of God and that he's a loving father and he responds to the prodigal son he doesn't destroy the prodigal son so with that we'll conclude and look forward to seeing you next week Wednesday evening when we will cover Luke chapter 16 Jesus Christ is Lord and our Savior and he has already



established the foundation of the  
kingdom of God and he's going to finish  
the establishment of the kingdom soon  
and very soon Jesus is Lord god bless